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| Filing Date | May 23, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | G. M. Frankenbach et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 1751 |
| Examiner Name | J. R. Hardee |
| Attorney Docket Number | 7258X |
| Confirmation Number | 1835 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

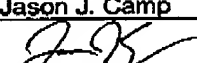
2. Miscellaneous

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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G. M. FRANKENBACH ET AL. :
Serial No. 09/554,969 : Group Art Unit 1751
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For CLEAR OR TRANSLUCENT AQUEOUS FABRIC
SOFTENER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HIGH
ELECTROLYTE CONTENT AND OPTIONAL
PHASE STABILIZER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated May 29, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A clear or translucent, stable liquid fabric softener composition comprising:
 - A. from about 2% to about 80% by weight of the composition of fabric softener;
 - B. at least an effective level of principal solvent having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6 to provide a clear or translucent composition;
 - C. from about 0.5 % to about 10% by weight of the composition of electrolyte;
 - D. optionally, from 0% to about 15% by weight of the composition of phase stabilizer selected from the group consisting of:
 - a. nonionic surfactants derived from saturated and/or unsaturated primary, secondary, and/or branched, amine, amide, amine-oxide, fatty alcohol, fatty acid, alkyl phenol, and/or alkyl aryl carboxylic acid compounds having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms in a hydrophobic chain, wherein at least one active hydrogen of said compounds is ethoxylated with ≤ 50 ethylene oxide moieties to provide an HLB of from about 8 to about 20;